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Subject: RE: TPs on Clarksburg

- EPA is committed to address lead in the nation's drinking water to ensure communities like Clarksburg are protected. Addressing lead in drinking water requires partnerships, and EPA is dedicated to working with West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to improve public health.
- The issue of lead service lines in Clarksburg was first identified by staff in the DHHR's Bureau for Public Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program during environmental lead assessments conducted at the homes of children diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels. Drinking water sampling in several homes confirmed lead levels were above the EPA's action level.
- In response, DHHR issued an Administrative Order and Notice of Violation which requires Clarksburg to develop a plan to address the issues and to conduct outreach to educate the public on potential risks to exposure to lead.
- When the Clarksburg Water Board failed to meet the public outreach requirements, EPA, in coordination with the DHHR, issued an Emergency Administrative Order.
- The EPA order directs the Water Board to immediately identify homes that may be impacted and provide an alternate source of drinking water and/or point-of-use filters certified for lead removal for homeowners where elevated lead levels are known or where suspected lead service lines exist. Additionally, the Water Board must provide EPA with a copy of its notification to the Clarksburg homeowners indicating steps they can take to reduce lead exposure and that an alternate water supply has been made available or that certified filters were provided. The Water Board must also keep a daily log of which homes have received alternative water or certified filters to protect public health.
- EPA will continue to coordinate closely with DHHR to promptly address issues to protect the health of the Clarksburg community.

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Hey Chad,

Would you be able to send us a couple of talking points on Clarksburg that specifically address how we are working with the state?

Can be 1-2 about the situation overall, and then 1-2 about how we're working with the state. Not looking for too much.

Thanks,
Lindsay

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